

RETAIL SALES UPDATE

Monthly Chain Store Sales

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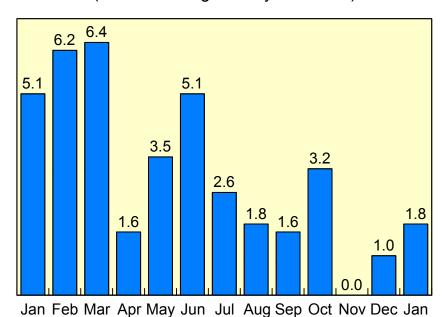
FACTS

Percent Change in Comparable Sales from Year Earlier

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan
Chain Stores Total	5.1	6.2	6.4	1.6	3.5	5.1	2.6	1.8	1.6	3.2	0.0	1.0	1.8
Department Stores	-2.4	-0.2	-0.4	-0.7	-3.5	-0.1	-3.3	-4.8	-3.0	-0.1	-6.7	-1.9	-3.9
Discount Stores	5.9	10.3	7.6	-0.1	3.2	5.7	4.1	3.4	2.8	3.5	0.7	2.6	2.8
Wholesale Clubs	7.7	7.2	5.6	5.0	4.8	5.1	3.5	3.5	3.3	0.4	1.6	0.4	2.9

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(Percent change from year earlier)



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